

Date: 20 Oct 61
CARAVEL's office
1600 to 1625 hours.

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Next meeting: 27 Oct., 1600 hrs at Caravel's office.

Circumstances of meeting: Caravel could only spare 25 minutes because he was expecting a lawyer to discuss the expropriation of the last piece of property adjoining the BKA complex required before the BKA building program can begin. Caravel is deeply involved with the minutest details of the project, which is his creation, and it involves much running around. During the last three weeks he has been in Bonn almost every day in connection with budget approval for the building program (expansion of the present BKA facilities in Wiesbaden). The approval by the Minister of Finance is expected on or about 23 Oct.

Subject matter discussed:

1. Political information:

In Bonn on 17 and 18 Oct. Caravel was told by his contact in Adenauers' office, Vialon, and by at least two CDU friends in the Finance Ministry (not identified), that Minister of Interior Schroeder had promoted himself as candidate for the Foreign Minister job during the negotiations for a new government. (Caravel had reported at the last meeting that Schroeder's name was being mentioned as Finance Minister if the CDU had to give up the Interior Ministry). Unidentified contacts at the Staatssekretär level in the Ministry of Interior who confirmed Schroeder's Foreign Ministry aspirations regarded the candidacy as a joke.

As of 19 October the top officials in the Ministry of Interior considered that Adenauer had won his "Spiel" with the FDP, that he would become Chancellor without any strings attached as to length of office, and that Schroeder would remain Minister of Interior. No significant changes in the Ministry were anticipated.

2. Dornier planes for Katanga:

The danger of a black eye for Germany arising out of the transaction was explained, and an outline of events was given. The names of the Belgian arms merchant Jean Cassat and the alleged go-between Freddy Loeb (residing in Kitwe, Rhodesia) were given to Caravel to permit him to make INTERPOL checks which could in turn justify further investigation. Caravel expects to get the Dornier side of the story because: "By chance we have a man at Dornier".

3. Name trace arrangement:

At the request of G/FOB/GER we challenged Caravel's statement that he needed the OK from Min. Of Interior Abteilung VI b chief Rudolf Toyka before he could set up a system for doing some of our Meldeamt traces through the chief of the Fahndungsdienst of the BKA. Caravel explained that there is a flap potential in every Meldeamt check made by the BKA and he could not assume the risk of exposing the Ministry to additional risk without Toyka's approval. (The approval has been given in principle, but Toyka asked that Caravel wait until the question of who the next Minister of Interior is to be was settled). The flap potential, according to a very patient explanation by Caravel, lies in the fact that the trace requests that go out from the BKA are entered in the Aufenthaltvermittlungsbuch that all police offices maintain. In about 1/10 of all trace requests the local police are a little overzealous and question the person being traced, or someone close to him under circumstances that make it appear that the individual has done something wrong and thus damages the reputation of the man. In many such cases the "victim" has gone to his lawyer and the lawyer to the Min. of Interior and the flap at the BKA is obvious.

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In the original negotiations with Caravel on doing traces for us, the figure of "50 to 75" was apparently used. A simple calculation shows that if about 1000 traces were run for us in a year the flap potential to the BKA would be increased by 100. In short, Caravel feels it is imperative that he is covered at the Ministry. If the cabinet question is settled within a week, we should be in business soon. Caravel is thoroughly aware of our urgency.

4. The Kaltenbrunner Papers.

Caravel had not seen the article in Die Zeit and ~~had~~ knew nothing about the case. We gave him the article and he promised to look into the matter of a possible "traitor" in the Ministry of Interior who could have turned over the papers to publisher Seewald. Off hand he found it hard to believe that this was the explanation.

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